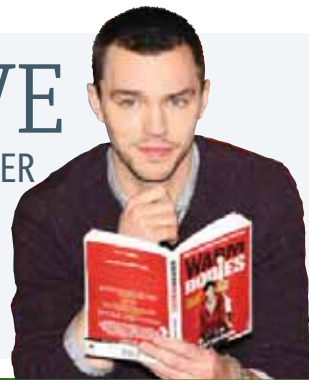




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FIGHT FOR RIGHTS ENTERS NEW PHASE

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence signs a declaration of commitment to First Nations causes during a celebration to end her hunger strike in Ottawa on Thursday, after being released from hospital following an overnight stay. She was held for observation after she ended her six-week hunger protest. Story, page 6. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Birth centre set to open in summer

Alternative treatment.

About 15% of the 140,000 babies born in Ontario every year are delivered by midwives

By the numbers

640

The number of registered midwives in Ontario

Ottawa will become the second city in Ontario to open a birth centre, billed as an alternative to home or hospital.

The Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre, announced Thursday by Deb Matthews, Ontario's minister of health, is expected to open at 226 Walkley Rd. this summer. The centre will provide a range of services led by midwives.

"The birthing centre is going to be sort of a halfway point between a home birth and a hospital birth," said Julia Wykes, a midwife with the Midwifery Group of Ottawa.

Matthews said the centre will take some of the burden off hospitals.

"Giving birth is the leading cause for the hospitalization

of women, and very often an unnecessary cause," Matthews said Thursday.

The provincial government is covering both the capital and operating costs of the centre, which are estimated at \$6 million over the first few years.

Renovations are expected to begin soon with an eye to a mid-summer opening.

In Ontario, only Toronto has a similar facility. Matthews said the province has no plans to open more birth centres in the near future, but it will monitor performance at the two centres to see if they can be used as a model.

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Peeper alert

Police hunt for man suspected of spying on women at Sun Life Financial branch PAGE 2

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Invest Ottawa's innovation centre project gets \$15M

Bayview redevelopment. City to give land, 'in-kind' contributions

The provincial government is kicking in \$15 million for a new "innovation centre" for Invest Ottawa on the soon-to-be-redeveloped Bayview Yards.

The provincial funding will allow Invest Ottawa to build a new home on the Bayview grounds in anticipation of a major redevelopment for the Mechanicsville site.

Mayor Jim Watson said the business incubator is just the start.

"What I see is an opportunity for us to do something that was presented to the province and the city several years ago, and create an accelerator incubation centre at Bayview, but it's going to be more than that," Watson told reporters Thursday.

"I think there should be a cultural component. We want to make sure there's community space — there's a lot of space on that site."

The announcement came one day after council lent its provisional support to the plan.

According to Watson, the city will include the land, as well as a number of "in-kind" contributions. Watson listed waiving development charges and building-permit fees as possibilities.

Provincial Transportation Minister Bob Chiarelli, who developed his own vision for Bayview Yards during his time as mayor, said the province has confidence in both Invest Ottawa and the city. When asked why he thought the Bayview plan has taken so long to implement, Chiarelli said he did not wish to second-guess former mayor O'Brien's administration, but is happy the city is moving forward.

Chiarelli said cabinet approved the spending two or three weeks ago, but city councillors did not know that when they voted to approve the plan Wednesday.

City staff are currently working on a community-design plan for the rest of the Bayview lands that is expected to be released later this year.

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Mayor Jim Watson addresses the crowd at Invest Ottawa's Aberdeen Street headquarters on Thursday. The economic-development outfit will receive \$15 million from the province for a new innovation centre. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Peeper targeting Sun Life Financial loo



Security-video image of a man police are looking for. OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE

Sun Life Financial said it is co-operating with Ottawa police as they investigate reports of a man who followed women into public washrooms in Centretown to watch them use the facilities.

The Ottawa Police Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Section is looking into the incidents, which police say occurred between Jan. 3 and 17.

According to police, the man either follows women into public washrooms or

hides inside waiting for them to enter.

The Sun Life Financial branch at 99 Bank Street has been targeted.

Police obtained surveillance footage of a suspect, but they did not specify where the incidents of voyeurism occurred in their news release Wednesday.

Andrea Zviedris, spokesperson for Sun Life, told Metro in an emailed statement Thursday the build-

ing's property managers are also co-operating with police.

"From the people visiting the building to the employees working there, the safety of the community is a priority to us and we are taking this matter very seriously," the statement said.

Police describe the suspect as a dark- or olive-toned man in his 30s with acne on his cheeks, standing five feet ten inches tall with

a medium build and long, dark hair.

Police said he was wearing a cream or white toque, black puffy jacket and runners.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Section at 613-236-1222, extension 5944, or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS), or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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Algonquin College. Student to represent Canada at WorldSkills

An Algonquin College student and 34 other Canadians who are heading to Germany this summer to compete in an Olympic-style skilled trades and technology competition will be given an official sendoff Friday by DIY guru Mike Holmes and Human Resources and Skills Development Minister Diane Finley.

Cody Malloch, 21, of Perth, Ont., will put his carpentry skills to the test at the July 2-7 event in Leipzig, Germany, where 61 member countries will compete in 45 different categories such as welding, web design, mechanical engineering and landscape gardening.

The soft-spoken second-year apprenticeship student was chosen to compete after winning the silver at a national skills competition in Edmonton last May. Just before that he won the silver at the provincial skills competition in Waterloo.

But for the international

competition, the stakes will be a little bit higher. He'll be representing Canada in front of thousands of people for six days.

He said he's "a little" nervous about Leipzig because he'll have to adapt to European building methods.

"There's nothing Canadian ... about the way they build," he said. "It's all metric, for one, which is a big change."

"You just kind of got to know how to do anything when you go over."

Until then, he will continue to work on roofs, decks and new homes for his father's construction company, Malloch Construction. He said he hopes to one day take over his dad's business.

Holmes, Finley and others will deliver keynote speeches during Friday's breakfast at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa, which will also serve as an orientation for Team Canada.

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Algonquin College apprenticeship student Cody Malloch, 21, will put his carpentry skills to the test this summer at the 2013 WorldSkills competition in Leipzig, Germany. CONTRIBUTED

Dispelling myths about dementia

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Maintaining
relationships is vital
for people suffering
from the condition



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Someone who is suffering from dementia doesn't immediately give up their job, driver's licence and independence, and the Alzheimer Society wants to dispel such misconceptions with more open discussion.

"Before, we didn't talk about breast cancer or prostate cancer or things like that," said society spokesperson Debbie Seto. "With people being a bit more open, hopefully it will be a bit easier to talk openly about it."

That's why this January's Alzheimer Awareness Month campaign urges: "See me, not my disease. Let's talk about dementia."

It's still an uncomfortable topic for many. One in four respondents to a poll by Alzheimer's Disease International cited stigma as a reason to conceal their diagnosis from others, and 40 per cent said people treated them differently after they found out.

The best thing you can do for someone with dementia, Seto said, is to stay in touch.

"Being active — and socially active — can help slow the progression of the disease" she said. "Seeing a friend lets them know that you continue to care for them."



Walkers of all ages hustle around the track in the Carleton University Fieldhouse at last year's Walk for Memories fundraiser. CONTRIBUTED

Many friends will demonstrate their support at the society's Walk for Memories fundraiser, held Jan. 27 at Carleton University.

Last year, 550 walkers raised about \$200,000.

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Spike in Ottawa-area public-transit use: Study

Public-transit use increased by nine per cent between 2005 and 2011 in the National Capital Region, according to a study released Thursday.

The study — commissioned by the municipal governments of Ottawa and Gatineau, as well as the provincial governments of Ontario and Quebec — showed that transit use grew at a slightly higher pace than population growth (7.2 per cent) over that same period.

Daily use of automobiles also increased by 4.7 per cent. Cycling increased dramatically with a modal share of 6.8 per cent during peak morning times in central Ottawa.

"It is good to see that more people are choosing alternative modes of transportation for their daily travel across the city and region," said Mayor Jim Watson, in a release.

Across the capital region, the majority of public-transit

users (76 per cent) are riding to work or school in the morning. Those riders account for 64 per cent of evening peak travel.

In terms of crossing the river, 27 per cent of Outaouais commuters travel to Ottawa for work, while only four per cent from Ottawa travel to Outaouais for work.

A full breakdown of the numbers can be found at o-survey.ca.

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Getting the boot?

Ford to hear verdict Friday morning

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford will learn Friday morning if the courts have ejected him from office midway through his four-year term.

The news as to whether a divisional court panel has upheld or nullified a lower-court ruling that Ford

breached the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act will be made public at 10:30 a.m.

If Ford loses, Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday will take over temporarily and council will vote on how to pick the next mayor.

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Rob Ford

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Inquiry

Guard was scolded for helping Ashley Smith: Testimony

A correctional officer who scrambled to cut a ligature from the neck of a teenaged inmate as she turned dark purple was reprimanded for his efforts, an inquest into her death heard Thursday.

In fact, an emotional Blaine Phibbs testified a prison manager warned him he could be formally disciplined or even charged criminally if he went into Ashley Smith's cell again under similar circumstances.

"He told me there was no reason to go into the cell. As long as she was breathing, we were not to go into her cell."

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Missing Canadians

Weather hampers rescue attempt

A rescue flight on its way to a group of Canadians on a missing plane in Antarctica has had to turn around due to bad weather that isn't expected to improve until at least early Friday.

But those who know the pilot of the downed Twin

Otter say that if anyone would know how to get through, it would be Bob Heath. "He's a bit of a living legend up (north)," said friend Sebastien Seykora.

The airplane began transmitting signals from its emergency locator beacon early Wednesday. Aircraft tried twice to spot it in the mountainous area where it went down, but failed due to heavy cloud. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spence signs declaration opening new chapter for First Nations

Spence vs. Brazeau

Journalist captures Twitter tussle

Chief Theresa Spence and Sen. Patrick Brazeau exchanged 140-character insults Thursday morning.

Spence was in hospital, but a tweet from the @ChiefTheresa Twitter account called Brazeau a "typical colonized Indian asshole" in response to his criticism of Idle No More.

The tweet has since been deleted, but a screenshot was captured by Saskatchewan reporter Jeremy Warren.

The pugilistic senator referred to the comment as a "traditional angry victim speech."

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE

Political struggle. Vow to improve conditions for aboriginals agreed upon by chiefs, federal opposition parties

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence emerged from hospital Thursday to sign the First Nations declaration that ended her hunger protest after six long weeks — a period during which Stephen Harper barely uttered her name.

Indeed, for a crisis that just two weeks ago had the prime minister squarely at its centre, it seemed a weary and chaotic finale, one largely devoid of anti-Harper vitriol.

The Cree leader, who hadn't had solid food since Dec. 11, spent most of the day recovering in hospital, only to show up unannounced at a celebration that brought First Nations chiefs from across the country.

A chanting, drumming



Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, right, takes part in a celebration after ending her hunger strike. She sits with fellow hunger-striker Raymond Robinson in Ottawa on Thursday after being released from hospital following an overnight stay. She was held for observation after she ended her six-week hunger protest. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

crowd greeted her at a downtown Ottawa hotel, where she thanked family, friends and supporters for their backing during the six chilly weeks she spent on Victoria Island, just upstream from Parliament Hill.

She suggested she now intends to step back from the political struggle.

"There you go, chiefs, you take over and I'll be part of the audience sometimes, so I'll be watching you guys," Spence said, calling for unity among

First Nations leaders.

"It's time to really stay together no matter what hardship that we go through, and no matter what the government intends to do to us to divide us. Always remember that we're here together and we're

here for our people, especially the youth."

Emissaries from federal opposition parties kept a low profile at the second ceremony, where Spence signed the declaration that had been so painstakingly crafted to bring her protest to a conclusion.

The end came as other chiefs and federal opposition parties vowed to take up her cause of treaty implementation and improved conditions on reserves. And it followed careful negotiation by interim Liberal leader Bob Rae.

Rae said he told Spence: "It's everyone's struggle. But no one should die."

The chiefs and the politicians signed the 13-point declaration committing them to seeking immediate improvements to native housing and education; a meeting of First Nations chiefs, the prime minister and Governor General; and full implementation of treaty and aboriginal rights within five years.

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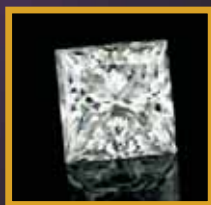
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India. Rape-and-murder trial starts behind closed doors in fast-track court

The trial of five men charged with the rape and murder of a 23-year-old student on a New Delhi bus began Thursday with opening arguments by the prosecution in a special fast-track court set up just weeks ago to handle sexual-assault cases.

A sixth suspect has claimed he is a juvenile and is expected to be tried in a juvenile court.

On Thursday, a magistrate separately rejected a petition by Subramanian Swamy, a prominent politician, that no leniency be shown toward the accused who claims to be a juvenile because of the brutal nature of the crime, said Jagdish Shetty, an aide to Swamy.

Magistrate Geetanjali Goel

Gag order

The courtroom was closed to the public and the media — a routine move in Indian rape cases — even though defence lawyers had argued that since the victim is dead, the proceedings should be opened.

is expected to rule on the suspect's age on Jan. 28.

Since Friday is a public holiday in India, the next hearing in the case was set for Monday, when the defence will present its opening arguments.

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Cloud Atlas

Chinese censors slash love scenes

Nearly 40 minutes have been chopped from the film Cloud Atlas for Chinese audiences, deleting both gay and straight love scenes to satisfy censors despite a public that increasingly

chafes at censorship.

China allows only 34 foreign films to be shown each year in its movie theatres, which don't have a classification system. All movies must be acceptable to adults and children of any age. Censors also target anything that portrays China or the Chinese in a negative light.

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Military 'more powerful' with women: Pentagon



There are 48 women presently working on the front lines in Afghanistan, deployed as the second Female Engagement team. PAULA BRONSTEIN/GETTY IMAGES

Front-line combat.

Lifting the U.S. ban on female fighters will take time to implement

Allowing women to serve in combat roles will strengthen the U.S. military's ability to win wars, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said Thursday, shortly before his official announcement of the landmark lifting of the ban.

"Our military is more capable, and our force is more powerful, when we use all of the great diverse strengths of the American people," Panetta said.

President Barack Obama supports the Pentagon's decision and believes the country should continue to remove "unnecessary gender-based barriers to service," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters.

The decision presents a daunting challenge to military leaders who will have to decide which, if any, jobs they believe should be open

Problem of respect

Ban tied to sexual assault

The top U.S. military officer says he believes the rise in sexual assaults in the military can be linked to the longstanding ban on women serving in combat.

Gen. Martin Dempsey said Thursday the problem is due partly to the military's separate classes of personnel — male "warriors" versus the rest.

He says the issue is more complicated than that, but he indicates the disparity between men and women has created a psychology that lends itself to disrespect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Westerners told to get out of Benghazi, Libya

Warning. Three European countries urging their citizens to evacuate eastern Libyan city due to imminent threat

Britain, Germany and the Netherlands urged their citizens Thursday to immediately leave the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi in response to what was described as an imminent threat against Westerners.

The warnings come a day after U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton testified to Congress about the September attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi that killed four Americans, including the ambassador to Libya. They also come



Hillary Clinton GETTY IMAGES

as French troops battle al-Qaida-linked militants in Mali, and follow the deaths of dozens of foreigners taken hostage by Islamist extremists in Algeria — though it

remained unclear if those events were linked to the European nations' concerns about Libya.

The foreign ministries of the three countries issued statements variously describing the threat as specific and imminent, but none gave details.

Germany and Britain urged their nationals still in Benghazi to leave "immediately" while Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman Thijs van Son said that "staying in this area is not to be advised."

It was not immediately clear how many people could be affected; Britain's Foreign Office said likely "dozens" of its citizens were in the city, while van Son said there are four Dutch citizens registered as being in Benghazi and possibly two more.

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Convicted thief loses three of his sticky fingers

Authorities carry out the court-ordered amputation of the fingers of a convicted thief in a public square in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz, Thursday. The 29-year-old man was convicted of being part of a 10-member gang that carried out burglaries in the city and of charges of having "illegal relations," according to the Mehr news agency. He was sentenced to the amputation of three fingers, the confiscation of his property and three years in prison. MOHSEN TAVARRO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Military

Canadian help for France's Mali mission extended

Canada's commitment of a giant transport plane in support of the French military action in Mali has been extended to a month.

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Politics

White House slams N. Korean nuclear-test plan

North Korea's plan to conduct a third nuclear test is "needlessly provocative" and will increase its isolation, the White House said Thursday.

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World

Little progress in Syria, says French foreign minister

The French foreign minister acknowledged Thursday that progress in Syria has ground to a halt.

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SHAME ON YOU, JIM WATSON

Mayor Jim Watson wanted a downtown casino and stacked the odds to ensure City Council was forced to vote his way.

Secret meetings with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) and avoiding adequate public consultation resulted in an early vote before a complete staff report on a proposed Ottawa Casino was available to Council.

Due consideration and thorough public consultation was good enough for Toronto and Hamilton but Mayor Watson greased the wheels to secure the vote he wanted in Ottawa.

To ensure he got Council's support, the Mayor collaborated with the OLG knowing they had already said they would prefer a downtown casino. Now Jim Watson says Council's previous endorsement to expand the Rideau Carleton Raceway Slots site is just a "consideration".

If Jim Watson will let the OLG decide where to put a casino in Ottawa, what else will he decide for Council?

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Stalled talks. Palestinian president wants to meet Israel's new lawmakers

The Palestinian president wants to meet with newly elected Israeli parliament members to lay out his views on peace, hoping a political surge of centrists will provide an opening to resume long-stalled negotiations on a Palestinian state, a senior aide said Thursday.

President Mahmoud Abbas' main target appears to be Yair Lapid, leader of the moderate Yesh Atid (There is a Future) party, who is expected to be influential in setting the priorities of the next government.

Lapid has said he wants Israel to make a serious push for peace, though it is unclear how far he will press the issue in coalition negotiations with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In recent public appearances, he has barely breached the issue, focusing instead on domestic economic concerns.

Lapid has campaigned on a domestic agenda that includes ending draft exemptions and government stipends for ultra-Orthodox Jews. But two incoming legislators from his party said

Quoted

"We will also insist on an immediate start to peace negotiations, not just to get into negotiations but in order to reach a final status agreement with the Palestinians."

Yael German, an incoming legislator in Yesh Atid, insisting her party is serious about restarting peace negotiations.

Thursday that making peace with the Palestinians is just as important to him. Lapid might be forced to choose between those two issues because it seems nearly impossible to form a coalition that will deal with both issues.

Netanyahu is a hardliner and may balk at excluding right-wing parties from his coalition in order to move forward with peace talks.

Israeli-Palestinian talks on the terms of Palestinian statehood have been frozen since Netanyahu took office four years ago.

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Freed Frenchwoman gets hero's welcome

Frenchwoman Florence Cassez, left, is kissed by her mother, Charlotte, after landing at Roissy airport, north of Paris, Thursday. Cassez, who spent seven years in prison in Mexico on kidnapping charges, returned to a hero's welcome in Paris, declaring she had been cleared by the Mexican court that ordered her freed. However, the justices who freed her pointedly did not rule on her guilt or innocence, but said the violations of due process, the right to consular assistance and evidentiary rules in her case were so grievous that they invalidated the original guilty verdict against her. Cassez was arrested in 2005 and convicted of helping her Mexican then-boyfriend run a kidnap gang. CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dolours Price. Veteran IRA bomber found dead at home

An Irish Republican Army veteran who accused Sinn Féin party chief Gerry Adams of involvement in IRA killings and bombings has been found dead in her home, police and politicians said Thursday.

Dolours Price, 61, was a member of the Provisional IRA unit that launched the very first car-bomb attacks on London in 1973. She became one of Irish republicanism's most trenchant critics of Adams and his conversion to political compromise in the British territory of Northern Ireland.

Police said that her death Wednesday night at her home in Malahide, north of Dublin, was possibly the result of a drug overdose and that foul play was not suspected.

In interviews, Price repeatedly described Adams as her IRA commander in Catholic west Belfast in the early 1970s when the outlawed group was secretly abducting, executing and burying more than a dozen suspected informers in unmarked graves. Adams rejects the charges.

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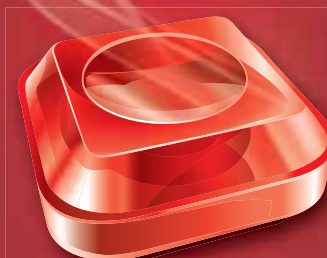
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Ecolabel certifies there's nothing fishy about these sandwiches

Sustainable sourcing. Program will guarantee that Alaskan pollock in McDonald's Filet-O-Fish is from ethical suppliers

McDonald's says it will be the first U.S. national restaurant chain to carry a label from a group that certifies sustainable fishing practices.

The blue "ecolabel" from the Marine Stewardship Council certifies that the Alaskan pollock used in McDonald's Filet-O-Fish sandwiches comes from suppliers with sustainable fishing practices.

Major retail chains including Walmart and Whole Foods already use the council's label. The non-profit group is paid a royalty fee from companies that use its label. For McDonald's, that means the fee would be based on sales of its fish offerings, such as the Filet-O-Fish and the Fish McBites that will be launched as a limited-time offer next month.

The Marine Stewardship

Ecolabel program

- The Marine Stewardship Council has about 300 fisheries in its ecolabel program, representing between 12 to 14 per cent of the world's fisheries, said Kerry Coughlin, the group's regional director for the Americas.

Council, which has its U.S. headquarters in Seattle and international base in London, isn't the only group that offers consumer labelling for seafood. Last year, for example, Whole Foods also stopped carrying wild-caught seafood that's "red-rated," which indicates it's either overfished or caught in a way that harms other species. The move reflects the growing concerns among consumers about the sources of their seafood.

A spokeswoman for McDonald's said all U.S. stores should have the labelling by early February.

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McDonald's says the Alaskan pollock used in its Filet-O-Fish sandwiches will come from suppliers with sustainable fishing practices. The move reflects growing concern among consumers about the source of their seafood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Creditor claims. Nortel-asset mediation concludes without yielding agreement



Nortel filed for bankruptcy in North America and Europe in 2009.

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Efforts to divide up nearly \$9 billion in assets from the now-bankrupt Nortel Networks Corp. ended Thursday without an agreement.

A spokesman for the talks says Ontario Chief Justice Warren Winkler, who was leading the proceedings, concluded further efforts at mediation were no longer worthwhile.

The negotiations began in Toronto on Jan. 14 and were supposed to conclude that week. They were extended twice. This was the third attempt at settling claims against the former telecom manufac-

turing giant's business lines and intellectual property by about 100 creditors around the world, including companies in 20 countries on every continent except Antarctica.

The myriad of creditors include Nortel pensioners, disabled former employees, bond holders, trade creditors and governments. It was not immediately clear what next steps would be taken.

At its height, the Ottawa-based equipment provider was worth nearly \$300 billion and employed more than 90,000 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Immigration. New visa program aims to attract startups, entrepreneurs

A new program designed to lure startup companies and entrepreneurs to Canada will launch in April.

The startup visa will be limited to those who already have the backing of a venture capital firm in Canada.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says it's aimed at enticing the best and brightest minds around the world to start new businesses in Canada.

The government will grant a maximum of 2,750 visas a year for each of the five years of the pilot program.

But Kenney says he only

By the numbers

2,750

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expects to see a few hundred people come through the program in the first year as companies figure out how it works.

The program is billed as the first of its kind because it offers applicants permanent residency, as opposed to programs

in other countries that only offer temporary status.

The new visa seeks to replace two older immigration programs aimed at would-be business owners. The investor program and entrepreneur program were put on hold after the government decided they weren't luring enough real business to Canada.

But some caught up in a backlog of applications under those old programs are now suing the government, demanding their applications be processed.

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Retail

Target to sell Roots clothing

Clothing from Roots will be available at Target for a limited time when the retailer comes to Canada this spring. Target, expected to open stores north of the border in March and April, announced its list of partners and limited collections on Thursday. Target is also touting a women's apparel collection from stylist Kate Young, to be on offer from April 14 to the end of May.

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Security breach

U.K. regulator fines Sony over PlayStation attack

British regulators have fined Sony about \$396,000 for failing to prevent a 2011 cyber-attack on its PlayStation Network that put millions of users' personal information — including names, addresses, birth dates and account passwords — at risk. Britain's Information Commissioner's Office said Thursday that security measures in place



A man plays Sony's PS3 during the Tokyo Game Show last fall. Sony has been fined by British officials over a 2011 cyber-attack.

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at the time "were simply not good enough."

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Carriers told to support 911 texts for disabled users

Canadian wireless carriers must make changes to their networks and systems to support 911 emergency text messages from hearing- and speech-impaired persons, the federal telecom regulator said Thursday. The service would only be provided to those who have pre-registered for it with their wireless carrier.

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Household debt

More Canadians keeping up with loan payments

Canadians are paying off their debts faster, with the number of those more than three months behind on loan payments dropping to a record low, according to an Equifax Canada report. It found the percentage of unpaid non-mortgage debt past-due more than 90 days was 1.19 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2012.

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1 **OCD4SH.** I Mother Earth's Brian Byrne is raising awareness about his OCD4SH campaign, a collaboration between his clothing company OCD Collective and the autism foundation Surfers Healing. Through T-shirts designed by the likes of Raine Maida and George Stroumboulopoulos, money raised through sales helps send autistic kids to a therapeutic family surf camp in Cali.

2 **Superbaugh.** The Super Bowl between the San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Ravens will see two brothers coaching against each other for the first time in Super Bowl history! John Harbaugh runs the Ravens; his younger brother, Jim, mans the 49ers. Jim, ever the strategic thinker, must be saying to John, "Yo, bro, remember I'm your kid brother. Take it easy. It's only a game."

3 **Beth Reeks.** Further evidence the Internet is the place to get your start: 17-year-old Beth Reeks has signed a three-book deal with Random House after her young-adult romance *The Kissing Booth* became a hit online. The book will now be published in paperback this spring. Reeks, the new teen queen of romance, is a young E L James — minus the erotica.

4 **Red Pashmina.** This grassroots campaign that started out of Peterborough, Ont., to empower and raise money for women in Afghanistan, has now attracted the attention of the UN. The two women behind the bright red scarves, Maryam Monsef and Jessica Melnik, are invited to speak at a United Nations summit in N.Y. on the status of women in March.

5 **Obama.** Beyoncé sang a rousing — though apparently lip-synched — rendition of the national anthem, but the real star Monday on the Capitol steps was Barack Obama, who publicly began his second term as president at his inauguration in front of 800,000 spectators chanting "O-ba-mal!" "Now, more than ever, we must do these things as one nation, as one people," he said. He has four years left to make it happen.

6 **Gretzky + Leafs?** Social media went nuts this week when a show on The Fan 590 discussed the rumour Wayne Gretzky might be taking over as president of the Toronto Maple Leafs, a position left vacant after the recent firing of Brian Burke. Now if this ever happened, wow. If Gretzky can't save the Leafs, no one can.

7 **Arisa Cox.** Many of you might remember her from the 2001 Canadian reality series *The Lofters* (I do). So this week when Arisa Cox was named host for the first Big Brother Canada, which debuts Feb. 27th on Slice, it made perfect sense. After all, she knows exactly what it's like to live 24-7 with other strangers while the camera watches.

8 **Kutcher at Macworld.** Next week is the Macworld/iWorld conference in San Francisco, and Ashton Kutcher will be there to speak about what it's like playing Steve Jobs in the biopic on the Apple icon that is slated for April release. The best part would be if Kutcher actually showed up in character as Jobs. Now that would go viral.

9 **Miss O.** The Oprah Effect hit Western Canada as she made appearances in Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, talking about everything from the weather — bloody cold! — to the lessons she's learned in life. "Every day you get to paint on the canvas that is your life," she told a sold-out crowd Monday night at Rexall Place in Edmonton. Who's better at motivating than Oprah?

10 **Butt Out.** This week is Non-Smoking Week in Canada, a campaign that has been running for 30 years. It's great to see so many people talking about #nonsmoking on Twitter. I quit almost 13 years ago. If you're thinking about stopping, go for it. You can do it. Don't let nicotine rule your life.

11 **Man bandz.** When boy bands grow up, they lose a little hair up top, gain a little more on their backs — and reunite sometimes. Yes, NKOTB, 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men are teaming up this spring and stopping in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. As Old Kid — er, New Kid — Donnie Wahlberg said in a statement: "Ladies, we're coming for you." Yes, it won't be girls this time.

12 **Steve Nash.** Captain Canada was given a loud ovation Sunday during player introductions at the ACC in Toronto. But then he and his Lakers played flat (again) in a loss to the Raptors. There are those who still wish he had signed with the Raptors during the off-season. But it's become apparent a 38-year-old Nash in the twilight of his career might not have been the right ending for this national treasure.

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Tastes like chicken?

Mopane worms a rare delicacy

Sihle Nkomo begins to prepare harvested mopane worms at her home in Gwanda, Zimbabwe.

In Zimbabwe, as well as most parts of southern Africa, mopane worms are a staple part of the diet in rural areas and are considered a delicacy in the cities. They can be eaten dry, as crunchy as potato chips, or cooked and drenched in sauce.

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Gastronomical goodness

- A Zimbabwean nutritionist, Marlon Chidemo, says the worms are high in healthy nutrients and contain three times the amount of protein as beef.

- He says eating worms is less taxing on the environment than consuming beef because it takes far fewer leaves to produce worms than it does feed to produce the same amount of beef.

Slinging slugs

Get to know the quality of grubs

At the local market, mopane worms are quite popular with residents who buy a cup or two of them and eat them immediately.

The market is abuzz with activity, with most stalls strategically displaying the delicacy so people cannot miss them. Vendors offer free samples. The mopane worms are graded according to size and the area where they were harvested.

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Mopane around

- Dried mopane worms have become a multimillion-dollar industry, even exported to countries like South Africa and Botswana. They can be found in African restaurants in Paris.
- The worm is the large caterpillar of the *Gonimbrasia belina* species. It got its name from chomping the leaves of mopane trees.

Worth Mentioning

J.J. Abrams set to direct next instalment of Star Wars, to be released in 2015

Another universe of sci-fi fans has been put in the hands of J.J. Abrams.

According to multiple trade reports, J.J. Abrams is set to direct the next instalment of Star Wars, which Disney has said will be Epi-

sode 7 and due out in 2015. Disney bought Star Wars maker Lucasfilm last month for \$4.06 billion.

The Emmy-award-winning director has also captained the reboot of Star Trek for rival studio Paramount Pictures, with the next instalment in that series, *Star Trek: Into Darkness*, set to hit theatres May 17.

Citing unnamed sources, the news was reported earlier by Hollywood trade outlets *The Wrap*, *The Hollywood Reporter* and *Daily Variety*.

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Twitter

@AnatheaT: I'm liking the #Ottawa Rush for our new CFL team but I'm pretty sure I have no say in this matter.

@ggottawa: NKOTB, Boyz II Men, & 98 Degrees coming to #Ottawa June 4. Man, if they wanted Scotiabank Place to be washed up, they could just use Windex.

@matt_ottawa_26: Ahhhh! Sitting on a patio having a drink in #Hollywood #LosAng-

les #california! It's so mild compared to #Ottawa

@jennyaumn: on the train to #ottawa. cause, you know, that's where i wanna go on the coldest week of winter. #businessnotpleasure

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Jason Statham stars in *Parker* — a movie without a lot of payoff. HANDOUT

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The heist goes all wrong

Bad + Bad = Bad. Steve Gow joins Richard Crouse this week to help him call out Parker for being a mistake-ridden flop of a film

Richard: Steve, the most shocking thing about Parker is that Jason Statham has hair in the opening scene. His usually close-cropped do is hidden under a wig that makes him look a bit like George Clooney's English brother. Other than that, this is as by-the-book as it gets. Did you buy into the story at all?

Steve: Not really. But as shocking as Statham is brandishing a wig as Donald E. Westlake's popular revenge-seeking character, he wasn't half as unconvincing as Jennifer Lopez when she pops up as the desperate, danger-seeking real estate agent. Was that bad casting or just a bad character?

RC: Her character is baffling. As a pseudo-love interest and almost co-conspirator, she's as grating as her co-star Nick Nolte's voice. If an Emery board could speak, it would sound like the rasp Nolte's vocal chords produce these days. For me, though, the moral of the movie is really skewed. The movie is so intent on selling the idea that the vengeful killer is really a good guy that a character at the end actually wonders if he is some kind of angel. Could it be that in this world bad + bad = good?

SG: I suppose Jason Statham is today's ideal mainstream anti-hero. After all, as mediocre as most of his films are, director Taylor Hackford is at least consistent in delivering what Statham does best — look sinister and kick butt. However, as absurdly indestructible as he is here, the film is too morose to be much fun.

RC: Statham is consistent,

Synopsis

After a daring robbery goes bad, thief Parker (Jason Statham) is double-crossed and left for dead. But because the movie is called *Parker*, he doesn't succumb to the gunshot wounds. Instead, he vows to put things right between him and the gang who cheated him out of his \$200,000 split of the loot. "If you make a deal, both sides have to honour it, otherwise there's chaos," he

says. "And I won't let chaos take over my life." Except that things get chaotic when he hatches an elaborate plan, involving his real estate agent (Jennifer Lopez), to get vengeance and his money.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Steve: ●●●●●

I'll give you that. He has two characters: Statham Character number one in which he plays a loner with a past who must protect a loved one and Statham Character number two, which is the loner with a past who must protect a youthful innocent. Here he's playing number one. The loved one is money, although there are a number of other characters that could easily have taken the place of the greenbacks.

SG: I agree. Concentrating on a compelling sidekick almost surely would've helped solve the questionably ineffectual supporting cast here.

One last thing — what kind of a name is Parker anyhow? That lame moniker sounds like Statham should be serving high tea and crumpets to the Crawley family on *Downton Abbey*, not cracking the skulls of crooked criminals.

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Hoult: Undead man talking

Warm Bodies. Actor shares what it's like to take on a role that requires only one facial expression



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Nicholas Hoult has tackled trying to get the girl when you're an awkward tween (in *About a Boy*), a ruthless high-schooler (in TV's *Skins*) and a blue-haired mutant (in *X-Men: First Class*). But those challenges pale in comparison to *Warm Bodies*, in which he tries to win over a girl (Teresa Palmer) despite the fact that he's a flesh-eating zombie.

How tough is it doing a role that's basically one facial expression for most of the film?

Surprisingly easy, actually (laughs). Narrows down your options and what you have to do at work, and not a lot of dialogue to learn, which is beautiful. But yeah, I read the script and I was like, "This could be a cool film," and then I was like, "Oh, it's kind of tricky, though, isn't it? You don't get to say a lot, and you've got to move and act like a zombie, but you've also got to have this audience care for you and want you to succeed and have this girl care for you enough and fall

for you, and there's a lot to do." With Teresa, it was just basically watching her do scenes the whole time, her just doing monologue after monologue and then I'd go, "Yeah, keep you safe. Hungry. Eat, whatever."

Have you heard every zombie joke in the world at this point?

You know what, I've made a few terrible ones myself. I've said, like, "Oh, he's a character I really liked and wanted to bring to life." Idiot. I said of the scenes with me and Rob Corddry, "I found it really difficult not to corpse" (which is British slang for laughing during a scene). So I've made a few terrible zombie jokes, but I haven't actually been on the receiving end of that many so far.

OK, zombies versus vampires. Where do you stand?

Who would win in a fight? Or the transition from vampire to zombie time?

As far as pop culture.

You know what? I'm trying to think. Aside from *Twilight*, what other vampire films have there been particularly recently? That's the prominent one. To be honest with you, I would probably have to go with the zombie thing just because I really like *Shaun of the Dead* and *Zombieland* and those sort of things, and 28 Days Later and stuff, so I think I'd go for the zombie — and not just because I played one in this film.

After having done this film, do you think you'd have trouble getting excited about doing a more traditional romantic comedy?

I don't know. I mean, I'm a sucker for a rom-com. You know, you feel good and you get all gooey. But I wouldn't want to do one of those ones that's very run of the mill, out of the box, off you go, pay \$10 to go and see it and then sit there and nothing new happens. So it's tricky. I'd like to be able to do all types of films. Action, drama, romance, all of them.

I don't think anyone's going to try to stop you.

So far. Not with force yet, anyway.

Just this year you've got films in several different genres coming out.

Yeah, I've got a fairy tale family adventure movie, *Jack the Giant Slayer*. There's mild peril. There's giants that want to eat humans, so you know, I wouldn't take a really young kid to it.

Quoted

"You've got to move and act like a zombie, but you've also got to have this audience care for you."

Warm Bodies star Nicholas Hoult on playing a zombie who falls in love



Nicholas Hoult finds the apple of his undead eye in *Warm Bodies*. HANDOUT

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Bullet to the Head. Brawly actor isn't a stranger to tough guy roles, but even he was star-struck working with Sylvester Stallone

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A glance at Jason Momoa's IMDb page reveals that he is best known for playing roles described as a "vengeful barbarian warrior" or "powerful warlord." The burly six-foot-four-inch actor is famous for roles in Conan the Barbarian and Game of Thrones and often plays tough guys.

Next up he plays a muscle-bound mercenary in *Bullet to the Head*, an action flick the Hollywood Reporter called "beefy, brainless fun."

It's another case of type-

casting, perhaps, but it did give him the chance to go mano-a-mano with one of the masters of the genre, Sylvester Stallone.

"You can't say enough good things about Stallone," says the Hawaiian-born hunk. "Truly, he is an icon. A legend, and so good at what he does."

Momoa even went through a special initiation rite courtesy of the superstar.

While shooting an epic fight scene on the film's New Orleans set, the older actor suggested he "tune me up" with a couple of real looking hits. Promising to pull his punches, Stallone instead landed a "monstrous" knock to the younger actor's side. Second take, same thing — "He just crumbled me," Momoa says — and that's the shot that made it into the film.

"He got me a couple of times," Momoa says. "He's the old bull. It's fun to get in there. I'm 30 years younger

than him, so it's cool. Rocky punching me in the ribs. It's like a shout from the rock."

But how does someone raise a family when their day job is pretending to decapitate people on screen? Momoa, who has a young daughter and son with actress Lisa Bonet, says his family always comes to visit when he's working.

"My daughter was actually on set when I ripped a guy's throat out on Game of Thrones," he says. "It's hilarious."

"She was with the wardrobe lady, knitting. I said, 'Are you OK sweetie?' She said, 'Yeah Papa,' and went on knitting."

He admits it's an unusual way to raise the kids and when they get older it might be more difficult.

"School's pretty expensive," he says. "I may as well get a teacher and bring them with us. I'd rather have my kids going to the Louvre than learning about it in a book."



Jason Momoa stars in *Bullet to the Head*, opening next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

Comedy



Quartet

Director. Dustin Hoffman

Stars. Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Billy Connolly

The movie's action centres around a luxurious retirement home for aging musicians. Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins and Billy Connolly play a once-famous vocal group living there quietly until their diva, Jean (Dame Maggie Smith), arrives. Her presence stirs up old feelings, but also might be the key to rescuing the cash-strapped retirement home. What could've been a depressing look at aging or a "loveable old coot" movie is, instead, funny, elegant and unexpectedly warm.

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Seed. Sperm donor tracked down by his kids on new TV show

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What would happen if a care-free bachelor answered his front door and discovered he was father to a nine-year-old boy and a teenage girl?

The question occurred to Joseph Raso when a friend became pregnant via a sperm bank. Fascinated by the process of choosing a stranger to be the biological father to your child, he wondered what it would be like if the donor entered into your life unexpectedly.

"How do kids change you? And what if it went zero to 60 and suddenly you have a nine-year-old?" he says. "How does it affect the donor and the other families?"

Seed was born. It's a TV show about Harry, whose bachelor bliss has long been

Quoted

"I see Rose with the baby and the struggle and chaos of learning to be a mother. The further we go into it, the further those relationships can take off."

Carrie-Lynn Neales on her hopes to develop Rose in future seasons.

funded by regular deposits at the sperm bank. One day, one of those donations learns how to hack a computer to find out who his biological father is — and knocks on Harry's door. Soon enough, a teenage girl follows, along with a woman pregnant with another of Harry's donations.

For Harry, the challenge is the tug of war between his desire to be with his biological children and his desire to pick up hot women at the bar.

One of Harry's entanglements is Rose, a beautiful, neurotic single woman whose date with the sperm bank leads to an accidental relationship with Harry. "From that point forward, their lives are entwined,"

says Carrie-Lynn Neales, who plays Rose.

"She's just wildly insecure," she adds during a break in filming. Rose wants a child, but doesn't want a father to the child. She wants to be single and independent, but wants a relationship with an amazing guy called Aaron.

When asked if bartending Harry is typical of the guys she knows, Neales laughs and tries to compose an answer that won't offend any of her friends. "You'll find aspects of Harry and Aaron in this age bracket," she says diplomatically.

Seed is Neales's first starring role. "It's amazing — really a dream come true," she says. "It's a huge learning curve."



Seed airs on City starting Monday, Feb. 4. You can watch the premiere online at the City website starting this Monday.

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Gavin DeGraw.
Singer/songwriter heading up competition for new Folgers jingle — with a \$25K prize

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Listen up would-be songwriters — and Gavin DeGraw fans, too.

The pop singer/songwriter is heading up Folgers' competition for aspiring songwriters to create a new version of the coffee company's jingle, The Best Part of Wakin' Up is Folgers in Your Cup, which nets the winner \$25,000.

But don't expect DeGraw to add his take on the tune. He is more of a mentor.

"My role is to inspire people to get involved, take a chance, because at some point I was

also undiscovered and looking for every opportunity to have someone hear me," he says. "This is a great opportunity for someone who hasn't been seen yet."

DeGraw knows all about the career boost being attached to a brand offers. His song I Don't Want To Be was chosen as the theme song to the show One Tree Hill.

"That was my lucky break," he says. "I had released my album and it was doing well, but the opportunity of having your voice heard on a platform like that, there's great odds that millions of people will hear it."

The boost did help his 2003 debut, *Chariot*, sell more than a million copies.

And DeGraw is still soundtracking: "I wrote a lovely song with my friend Colbie Caillat," he says of *We Both Know*, which will be in Nicholas Sparks' latest movie adaptation, *Safe Haven* (out on Valen-



Gavin DeGraw is heading up a competition for aspiring songwriters. GETTY IMAGES

Whoa, did they say \$25k?

The Folgers Jingle Contest runs through March 6. Entries are judged based on creativity, originality and musical performance. The top 10 finalists will be posted at folgers.com/jingle, ready for nationwide voting May 15 to June 19.

tine's Day and starring Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel).

But that's not all.

"I'm pretty deep into the next album already. I'll be writing a lot here in Los Angeles.

"I was in Miami producing a couple of songs for it. I'll be doing more in Nashville. It's good to stay busy, right?"

TV picks

True stories of brainwashing: This week on TV

Viewers can catch up on the new comedy series 1600 Penn, about the First Family of the U.S., with Friday's back-to-back episodes. In the first, President Gilchrist (Bill Pullman) and his generals hold a group-therapy session while his wife (Jenna Elfman) does some damage control. In the next instalment, the president hosts a ball for a cranky senator and son Skip (Josh Gad) wants to attend the bash with a fetching mail-room clerk. (Citytv)

Brainwashed is a new series profiling the true stories of those who've been coerced into committing extreme acts. In this second instalment on Friday, *Predator Prophet*, we learn of a single mom who fell in love with a self-proclaimed Mormon Prophet and became his "spiritual wife." He eventually persuaded her to sell her possessions, give up her children and commit adultery. But even when he was imprisoned,

she wasn't convinced to leave him. (History)

Maroon 5 frontman and *The Voice* judge Adam Levine makes another appearance on Saturday Night Live, but this time as host, not musical guest. The latter role will be filled out by Compton, Calif.-bred rapper Kendrick Lamar, who's earned rave reviews for his latest album, *good kid, m.A.A.d city*. (Global)

Paul Merton's *Adventures* follows the British comedian as he visits fascinating spots around the world. In the debut episode Saturday, he boards the biggest luxury ocean liner in the world and tours the Caribbean. Along the way, he gets lost on a reef in Mexico and meets the Jamaican dogsled team as well as a ferocious tiger. (Discovery World HD)

Awards season fever continues with the live broadcast of The 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, which honour performances in television and film on Sunday. This year's SAG Life Achievement Award recipient is Dick Van Dyke. He'll receive the honour from



Liam McIntyre as Spartacus. HANDOUT

Carl Reiner and Alec Baldwin at the Los Angeles Shrine. Other presenters include Jeff Daniels, Neil Patrick Harris, Nicole Kidman and Julianna Margulies. (Global)

Starz unveils the final instalment in its *Spartacus* gladiator saga Sunday. *Spartacus: War of the Damned* sees the titular character (Liam McIntyre) continuing to win battles with his rebel army and freed slaves after the defeat of Roman commander Gaius Claudius Glaber. (The Movie Network, Movie Central)

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW YEAR CARNIVAL

Chinese music, dance and acrobatics take centre stage as the touring Chinese New Year Carnival comes to Ottawa.

"It'll be a wonderful, wonderful show. We're very excited about it," says Snookie Lomow, PR consultant for the Canada-China Cultural Development Association, which presents the annual performing arts showcase. "We're bringing 80 performers from China."

This year will be the Year of the Snake according to the Chinese lunar calendar, and the CCCDA has lined up a special partnership to celebrate, as the China National Performing Arts Troupe teams up with China's National Broadcasting Orchestra for synthesis never seen before by North American audiences.

"In the past we've never had a live orchestra," Lomow says. "It's always been piped in or taped music. It's never been a live orchestra, and the musicians that are coming are bringing their authentic Chinese instruments, the erhu and all these really cool Chinese instruments that you not normally get to see or hear."

The seven-city Canadian leg of Chinese New Year Festival's tour also



Jiang Kemei of the China National Broadcasting Orchestra plays the banhu, a traditional Chinese instrument.

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Just one of the Girls

Music. Christopher Owens on the story of his new concept album

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After disbanding Girls last year, the first project that singer Christopher Owens chose to tackle under his own name was a concept album called *Lysandre*.

The work — full of saxophones and flutes and Owens' take on classic pop-song architecture — might seem like the furthest thing from his previous band, but the narrative arc is all about Girls' first tour in 2008.

"It starts out being excited to go on that tour and not really knowing what to expect, because I hadn't done any tours before that," he says.

While he's dealing with

his Girls experience in a very specific way on this tour, he won't play any Girls songs.

"I will play those songs again in the future," he says. "But I feel like with this album and this tour, it's clearly a thing — and it's kind of obvious that it will be a show of this album."

But Owens wrote the ma-

terial for *Lysandre* shortly after that first tour, while Girls was still going.

"I didn't put (the songs) away to not work on them with Girls or anything," he says.

"They were just seven songs out of the 60 or so that I wrote in those couple of years. And I guess I always kind of thought they would be Girls songs."



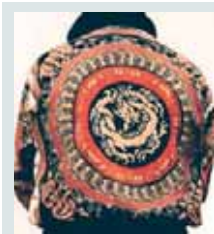
Christopher Owens: boy makes Girls, boy loses Girls, boy writes album about Girls' first tour. HANDOUT

Three songs for the weekend



SOUND CHECK
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This week's selections go far beyond the usual three-chords-and-an-attitude approach, but will pay off with repeated listening. Trust me.



Inhaler/Foals

Best use of a falsetto so far this year. Radio-head-ish, Cure-ish and Tears For Fears-ish with bonus big guitars. New album, *Holy Fire* (Feb. 11), might be their big breakthrough.



This Town Needs Guns/I'll Take the Minute Snake

Like Foals, they're from Oxford. And they've also studied the math rock tendencies of their Radio-head neighbours. The new album is 13.0.0.0.0.



Another Brick in the Wall/Aysedeniz Gokcin

Wherein a young Turkish pianist transforms Pink Floyd into classical pieces of which Franz Liszt would be proud.

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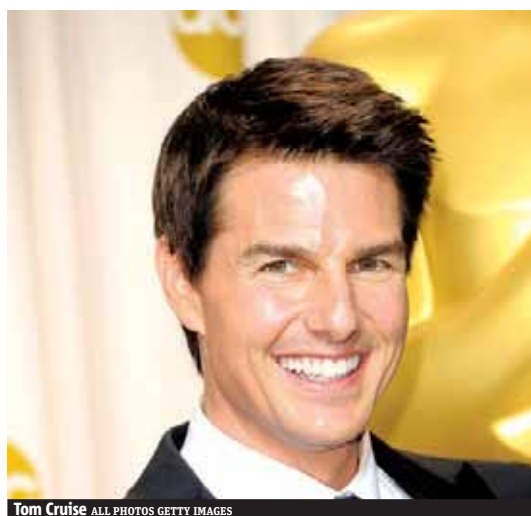
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Cruise at the heart of Scientology's strategy

Tom Cruise isn't only the most famous Scientologist, he's also the most important figure in the controversial religion.

"There's nobody more important in Scientology since L. Ron Hubbard. He's the front of Scientology," Lawrence Wright, author of *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief*

Quoted

"There's nobody more important in Scientology since L. Ron Hubbard."

Lawrence Wright
Author of the book *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief*

and the Prison of Belief, tells E! News.

He also says having a movie star as the face of Scientology was always part of the plan.

"From the very beginning of the Church of Scientology, they established it in Los Angeles, they created the Celebrity Center there in Hollywood, and the whole goal was to take over the entertainment industry and use celebrities as kind of a product endorsement for their brand," Wright says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Kristen Bell terrified of her impending childbirth

Kristen Bell seemed to hint during an interview with Ellen DeGeneres that she's going to give birth to a boy, but the *House of Lies* star kept coy with a "maybe" when pressed.

Bell had said that fiancé Dax Shepard was looking forward to "all the off-roading he'll have in this tiny partner," but she says that doesn't mean it couldn't be a daughter.

"Do you have to be a boy to off-road? Absolutely not!" Bell said. "I think he's going to force (the baby), even if it's a sloth, to off-road."

One thing Bell was willing to admit, though, is that she's not looking forward to

Quoted

"I feel like, when I arrive at the hospital, I want a glass of whiskey, I want the epidural in my back and I want to get hit in the face with a baseball bat."

Kristen Bell
Talking about the upcoming birth of her first child

labour.

"I've got nothing to prove" by having natural childbirth, she said. "I feel like, when I arrive at the hospital, I want a glass of whiskey, I want the epidural in my back and I want to get hit in the face with a baseball bat and wake me up when it's over because I've seen the videos, and it looks terrifying."



Lindsay Lohan

SXSW pans Lohan's latest flick

Lindsay Lohan's latest bid at a big-screen comeback is having trouble getting off the ground.

Her racy and controversial film *The Canyons* was rejected by the Sundance Film Festival earlier this month, and now it appears the South by Southwest

(SXSW) festival in Austin, Texas, wants nothing to do with the film either, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Sources say the film suffers from significant "quality issues" and has "an ugliness and a deadness to it."

Twitter



@ElizabethHurley

Who thought Uggs boots were made in Australia? Just saw mine are made in China.



@idinamenzel

Mention of Stonewall in president's inauguration speech is still buzzing for me. Incredible



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About to start planning my birthday party and trying to figure out a fun theme. Anyone have any cool theme ideas for my party?



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Need to work on my Australian slang!

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Cheers to Robert Burns



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I have fond memories of Robert Burns.

Growing up in Halifax, it was a standard post-Saturday-night-on-the-town ritual to enjoy a little fast food in Victoria Park, along Spring Garden Road, before the walk home. The best seat in the house was along the pedestal of the life size monument to the bard that's been standing there since 1919.

Though I don't remember drinking much in the way of Scottish booze back in the day, I'll be raising a glass of something tonight in celebration of Robert Burns Day.

Scotland's claim to liquid fame is scotch — a polarizing whisky typically drunk straight. Rich, aggressive and swimming in personality, it can be a hard glass to swallow for most.

A fine dram to get your palate wet is Bowmore 12 Year Old (\$45.99 to \$64.99); the first recorded single malt distillery (back in 1779) on the island of Islay.

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If the thought of drinking scotch without mix doesn't blow your bagpipe, try softening the spirit by adding a touch of spring water.

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This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Southern flavours are a fiesta for taste buds

Tex-Mex Flank Steak with Corn Salsa. Bursting with flavours, this dish will be just as good the next day



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With the sauce and corn salsa accompaniment, this is a great Southwestern dish. Sautéing the corn gives it a barbecued flavour.

Be sure to allow time for marinating the steak. Left-

overs taste just as good the next day; either reheat gently or serve at room temperature.

1. Whisk the barbecue sauce, vinegar, molasses and hot pepper sauce in a bowl. Place the flank steak in a shallow, non-reactive baking dish and pour the sauce over the steak. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

2. For the salsa, spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil. Place over medium heat, and sauté the corn and red pepper until the corn begins to brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in the beans, onion and cilantro. Set aside.

3. Remove the steak from the marinade, and set the marinade aside in a small saucepan.

4. Preheat the barbecue or a non-stick grill pan to medium-high and spray with cooking oil. Cook the beef over medium-high heat for 5 to 8 minutes per side, or until

it's done to your liking.

5. While the steak is cooking, bring the reserved marinade to a boil and boil for 5 minutes. Serve the steak with the sauce and salsa on the side. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp molasses
- 1/4 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 1 1/2 lb flank steak
- Salsa**
- 1 cup canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro

Get your guac on

Give guacamole a boost with a few different flavour combinations that are still very simple to make.

Ingredients

Base Guacamole

- 4 Hass avocados, skins and pits removed
- 4 tsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 ground black pepper

Base Guacamole

1. In a medium bowl, use a fork or potato masher to mash the avocados. The guacamole should be mostly smooth, but with visible chunks. Mix in the lime juice, cumin, salt and pepper. Proceed with the recipe using one of the following mix-in combinations.

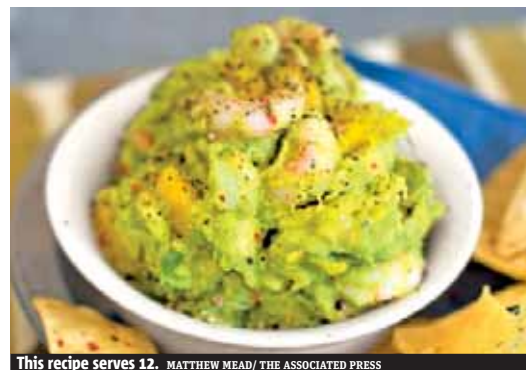
Chipotle Corn Guacamole

1. In a medium skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add 1/4 cup diced red onion, 1 cup of corn kernels (if canned, drain them

very well) and 3 minced cloves of garlic. Sauté for 2 minutes, then remove from the heat and let cool. Stir in 1 diced canned chipotle pepper (packed in adobo sauce). Stir the mixture into the base guacamole recipe, as well as 1 tablespoon (more or less, to taste) of the adobo sauce from the can.

Shrimp and Mango Guacamole

1. Thaw a 9-ounce bag frozen cooked and peeled baby shrimp, then drain and pat them dry. Peel 1 mango, then



This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cut the flesh away from the pit. Finely chop the mango, then stir it, the shrimp and a hefty

splash of hot sauce into the base guacamole recipe. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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LIFE

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



MIX OF SIX
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Nature Nocturne

The Museum of Nature is holding its first Nature Nocturne party for what's destined to be the "it" event of January. While the DJ fills the castle with awesome sounds, dance until midnight under the gaze of dinosaurs, wander the exhibits or engage with fun art installations by the Luminartists. Friday. nature.ca



Midwinter Meltdown with The Acorn

A melt-worthy voice on a chilly night? Check. A bus to take you there? Check. Winter Meltdown at the Blacksheep Inn promises to be an early contender for best show of 2013. Local legends The Acorn reunite Saturday to play indie-folk music with DJ pals in Kitchen Party providing the post-show beats. Friday. theacorn.ca.



Strombo

From CBC TV's George Stroumbouloupoulos Tonight and former Much Music VJ glory, Canada's boyfriend George Stroumbouloupoulos is in town talking about his career journey to eager ears at Algonquin College. From PMs to Gene Simmons, Strombo's asked the big questions and now you can ask him your own this Friday night. algonquincollege.com/sao.



Read a human book

Proving you never can judge a book by its cover, CBC Ottawa and the Ottawa Public Library are holding a Human Library this Saturday at five locations. "Check out" a person from an Imam to a former gang member for 20 minute conversations and interact with amazing people you may not otherwise meet. Saturday. cbc.ca/humanlibrary.



Swing Night

Come on you hep cats, let's swing! Saturday Night Swing Nights happen every week, with the first beginner dance lesson free. Two DJs spin in separate rooms. Saturday. For the 411, visit saturday-nightswing.com.



Senators on Home Ice

You won't have to wait long after the puck's been dropped to see the enthusiasm of the Senators Sunday night at Scotiabank Place. Dust off your jerseys, paint your face and go show your team spirit as the Ottawa Senators take on the Pittsburgh Penguins as led by coach Paul MacLean. Sunday. senators.nhl.com.

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Beyond 2010: Sochi next up in Canada's podium pursuit

Own the Podium.

Taxpayer, corporate money behind Canada's athletes as they prepare for 2014 Games

Canada's motto for the 2014 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Sochi, Russia, is to "maintain the gain" from the 2010 Games in Vancouver and Whistler, B.C.

The organizations respon-

sible for making that happen laud the federal government and corporate community for keeping the financial pump primed for athletes with the Sochi Games on the horizon.

Bal Gosal, Canada's minister of state for sport, and Own the Podium chief executive officer Anne Merklinger, both emerged from a bobsled clad in skintight suits on Thursday in Calgary to trumpet the almost \$40 million going to Canada's winter athletes in 2012-13.

"We have more money in the year going into the Olympic

By the numbers

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Canada won 26 medals in 2010 to finish third overall in medals won, but topped the gold-medal count with 14, a record for any country at a single Winter Games.

and Paralympic Games than ever before," Merklinger said.

That's \$31 million in direct funding to 11 winter-sport organizations, plus another \$6.9 million to athletes via the athletes assistance program this

winter.

"We maintained all the sports' funding in the 2012 budget," Gosal said. "I can say proudly that sport funding was kept intact."

"When we look at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, how the whole nation came together, sport is something that unites communities, that brings the nation together and the pride we feel when we see our athletes performing at the world-stage level."

OTP distributes those taxpayer dollars based on a sport's

ability to win medals.

Thursday's event staged on the finishing dock of Canada's Olympic Park's sliding track came a day after the Canadian Olympic Committee's announcement in Toronto of an eight-year sponsorship deal with Canadian Tire.

OTP oversees the competitive aspects of an athlete's life between Olympic and Paralympic Games. The COC looks after their needs on the ground at Games and prepares them for the Games environment.

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Sens celebrate in Sunrise

Ottawa Senators defencemen Marc Methot and Chris Phillips celebrate Phillips' first-period goal against the Florida Panthers on Thursday in Sunrise, Fla. Go to metronews.ca for results from Thursday night's game and for Senators coverage over the weekend. WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Changing stripes. Hornets swapped out for Pelicans

Hornets owner Tom Benson is changing his team's nickname to the Pelicans.

The Hornets announced Thursday they are making the change. The NBA still has

to approve it, but commissioner David Stern has said he wouldn't object. The league is expected to expedite the change at the start of next season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Owner Tom Benson reveals the Pelicans logo. GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Leafs' Lupul lost for at least 6 weeks

Toronto Maple Leafs forward Joffrey Lupul is expected to miss at least six weeks due to a fractured forearm.

He suffered the injury in the second period of Wednesday night's 5-2 road win over the Pittsburgh Penguins. Lupul was in front of the net during a power play when he was hit in the arm by a slapshot from teammate Dion Phaneuf.

Lupul, who signed a five-year contract extension last Sunday, did not record a point in three games this season.

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MLB. Upton brothers join forces with Atlanta Braves

Justin Upton is having a family reunion in Atlanta.

Arizona traded its star right-fielder to the Braves on Thursday in a seven-player deal that sent former all-star infielder Martin Prado to the Diamondbacks.

For the first time since he was a high school freshman, Upton will have older brother B.J. Upton as a teammate.

The brothers combine with Jason Heyward, who won a Gold Glove in 2012.

"If we push ourselves to the next level, I feel with the extra push from each other there's no question we can be the best outfield in baseball," Justin Up-

Quoted

"I said, 'You must be ecstatic to be able to play with your brother'.... It's got to be a great thrill for him."

Braves manager Kirk Gibson on speaking to Justin Upton

ton said in a telephone interview. "I'm not going to give us that label until we prove it." The Braves also get third baseman Chris Johnson and are giving up one of their top pitching prospects, Randall Delgado, and three minor leaguers in the deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Australian Open

Azarenka fights nerves to make final

Victoria Azarenka had to endure some anxious moments before and after her win over American teenager Sloane Stephens.

Li Na wasn't flustered at all in an easy victory over No. 2-ranked Maria Sharapova.

Li will play for the Australian Open title against Azarenka, who ended Stephens' unexpected run to the semifinals that included a quarter-final upset of Serena Williams.

Another player who had little trouble Thursday was defending champion Novak Djokovic, who overpowered David Ferrer 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 in just one hour, 29 minutes.

Djokovic will attempt to win his third consecutive Australian Open when he plays the winner of Friday's semifinal between Roger Federer and Andy Murray on Sunday.

Azarenka needed six match points to finish off a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Stephens that included a medical timeout.

Australian Open officials said the tournament doctor reported that Azarenka had left knee and rib injuries.

"I just felt a little bit overwhelmed. I realized I'm one step away from the final and nerves got into me for sure," Azarenka said.

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Victoria Azarenka receives treatment from a trainer on Thursday in Melbourne, Australia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this Sept. 11, 2011, file photo, Jackie and Jack Harbaugh, parents of San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh and Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh, stand before a game between the 49ers and the Seattle Seahawks in San Francisco. The entire Harbaugh family already got its Super Bowl victory last Sunday, when each coach did his part to ensure a family reunion in New Orleans next week. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Harbaughs in stands vow to stay neutral

Super Bowl 47 lead-up.
Family of Ravens and 49ers coaches not saying where they'll be sitting on game day

Jackie Harbaugh will wear a neutral-coloured outfit, still to be determined. Her daughter, Joani Crean, little sister to coaching brothers John and Jim Harbaugh, plans to sport all black at the Super Bowl to show no allegiances whatsoever.

"I am wearing whatever fits that day," Crean quipped.

The entire Harbaugh family — a close-knit, hyper-

competitive crew that also includes Indiana basketball coach Tom Crean — realizes it has already won big. They got their Super Bowl victory on Sunday, when each coach did his part to ensure a family reunion in New Orleans next week, with John's Baltimore Ravens facing off against Jim's San Francisco 49ers in the first Super Bowl with sibling coaches on opposite sidelines.

One Harbaugh will haul home the Lombardi Trophy from the Big Easy.

And, no, the family members haven't decided where to sit for the Feb. 3 NFL title game at the Superdome — or at least they aren't revealing it if they have.

"We are neutral in the Super Bowl, and we are just excited that they have brought their teams to the pinnacle of sports," Jackie Harbaugh said Thursday. "The Super Bowl is the ultimate accomplishment for them and for their teams and for all of the extended football family and all of the teams who have participated in this great game. We are excited for that type of thing."

Her sons, all of 15 months apart, have tried to downplay this matchup from the moment it developed — each wanting to keep the focus on the players on the field.

Fortunately for the Harbaugh folks, they've been through this once before, albeit on a slightly smaller stage: Prime time on Thanksgiving night 2011. John's Ravens won 16-6 at home.

"We experienced that last year at Thanksgiving," Jack Harbaugh said, "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Relationship hoax. Te'o plays voice mails from 'girlfriend' on Couric show

The person Manti Te'o says was pretending to be his online girlfriend told the Notre Dame linebacker "I love you" in voice mails played during his interview with Katie Couric.

Taped earlier this week and broadcast Thursday, the hour-long talk show featured three voice mails that Te'o claims were left for him last year. Te'o said they were from the person he believed to be Lennay Kekua, a woman he had fallen for online but never met face-to-face.

After the first message was played, Te'o said: "It sounds like a girl, doesn't it?"

"It does," Couric responded.

The interview was the All-American's first on camera since his tale of inspired play after the deaths of his grandmother and girlfriend on the same day in September un-



Manti Te'o THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ravelled as a hoax in an exposé by Deadspin.com on Jan. 16.

Couric addressed speculation the tale was concocted by Te'o as a way to cover up his sexual orientation. Asked if he were gay, Te'o said "no" with a laugh. "Far from it. Faaaar from that."

He also said he was "scared" and "didn't know what to do" after receiving a call on Dec. 6 — two days before the Heisman Trophy presentation — from a person who claimed to be his "dead" girlfriend.

The first voice mail was from what was supposed to be Kekua's first day of chemotherapy for leukemia.

"Hi, I am just letting you know I got here and I'm getting ready for my first session and, um, just want to call you to keep you posted. I miss you. I love you. Bye," the person said.

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Convincing voice?

- Couric suggested the person who left the voice mail messages might have been Ronaiah Tuiasosopo, a 22-year-old man from California, who Te'o said has apologized to him for pulling the hoax.
- Tuiasosopo has not spoken publicly since news of the hoax broke.

CFL

Face of the Lions dealt to Riders

The longtime face of the B.C. Lions' franchise is heading to Saskatchewan.

Geroy Simon, the CFL's all-time receiving yards leader, was traded to the Roughriders on Thursday in exchange for receiver Justin Harper and a third-round pick in the 2014 Canadian

college draft.

Simon, a two-time Grey Cup champ and six-time CFL all-star, has recorded 15,787 yards over his 14-year career.

"The fans in B.C. have treated me as one of their own since I arrived here in 2001, and I'll never forget it," Simon said. "I'm looking forward to a new and exciting opportunity in Saskatchewan."

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